STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT

TO: Paul Flores Valencia 1021 Diadem Drive

San Jose, CA 95116

DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

(For violations of section 25210 of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968)

The California Commissioner of Business Oversight finds that:

- 1. At all relevant times, Paul Flores Valencia (hereinafter, "Valencia"), a natural person, was a resident of California.
- 2. Valencia held a license with the California Department of Insurance for Life-Only, Accident and Health, and variable contracts which expired on September 30, 2011: license number 0B65581. His license is currently inactive.
- 3. Valencia was also registered with FINRA: CRD no. 2682476. His FINRA disclosures show that he was last employed as a registered representative of a licensed securities broker dealer, World Group Securities, Inc., from April, 2002, until May, 2004. However, he has not been employed by any other licensed securities broker dealers since 2004.
- 4. Beginning in or about November, 2007, after Valencia left World Group Securities, Inc., and continuing until February, 2010, Valencia offered or sold securities in the State of California in the form of life settlement contracts for a Texas company named Life Partners, LLC (hereinafter, "Life Partners"). These securities were offered in issuer transactions. The Life Settlement securities were neither qualified under section 25110 *et seq* of the California Corporate Securities Law of 1968 ("CSL")¹, nor exempt from the qualification requirement.

¹ The California Corporate Securities Law of 1968 is found at Corporations Code section 25000 et seq.

- 5. Valencia offered and/or sold the above-described securities to more than 10 California investors, for a total of over \$2,600,000.00.
- 6. During all relevant time periods, Valencia did not have a valid broker-dealer certificate issued by the California Department of Business Oversight (formerly the Department of Corporations) or the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Rather, Life Partners provided him with a Life Partners "License" and license number to sell their securities as an independent contractor.

Based upon the foregoing findings, the California Commissioner of Business Oversight is of the opinion that the securities offered and sold by Valencia, in the form of Life Partners' life settlement contracts, are securities subject to qualification under the CSL and are being or have been offered or sold without being qualified in violation of section 25110 of the CSL. Pursuant to section 25532 of the CSL, Paul Flores Valencia is hereby ordered to desist and refrain from the further offer or sale in the State of California of securities, including, but not limited to, life settlement contracts, until qualification has been made under the law, unless exempt.

Further, again based upon the foregoing findings, the California Commissioner of Business Oversight is of the opinion that Valencia has effected transactions in securities as a broker-dealer without having first applied for and secured from the Commissioner a certificate authorizing him to act in that capacity, in violation of section 25210 of the CSL. Pursuant to section 25532 of the CSL, Paul Flores Valencia is hereby ordered to desist and refrain from effecting any transaction in, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of, any security in this state, including but not limited to life settlement contracts, unless he has applied for and secured from the Commissioner a certificate, then in effect, authorizing him to act in that capacity.

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1	This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors and consistent		
2	with the purposes, policies, and provisions of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968.		
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4	DATED:	August 23, 2013	
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